

I am increasingly concerned about the proliferating media consolidation in our country.

For example, Sinclair Broadcasting owns many stations and is using their ownership to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary. This is the same company that refused to let its station air a tribute to our fallen soldiers (by reading their names with photos on 60 minutes).

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. How is ignoring our fallen men while forcing politically biased 'mockumentaries' in the public interest?

Rather than vigilance of conglomerates, I believe it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

I support allowing more microbroadcasters on radio and TV. I support freedom of speech, but that each station should be free to speak for their local community. Not have our freedom of speech given away to the largest players.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve input from citizens. Thank you.